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1. "Local demand for crude and products in Free foreign countries during 1953 was at a new peak level averaging about 4,726,000 b/d. This was a gain of 341,000 b/d or 7.8% over 1952. In addition, shipments of foreign oil to the US increased 98,000 b/d or 10.3% for the year.
2. "Foreign crude production and runs to stills consequently were also at record high levels. Crude production was 5,366,000 b/d or 8.2% above 1952. Iraq showed the principal gain, 191,000 b/d or 50%, while Venezuela declined somewhat. Crude runs to stills approximated 4,705,000 b/d in 1953, up 333,000 b/d or 7.6%. Most of the gain was in Western Europe, whereas total Caribbean operations were at a reduced volume because of even greater curtailment in the NWI.
3. "Receipts of Soviet-bloc oil into Free Europe totaled 34,000 b/d, almost double the 1952 volume.

| Thousands of B/D     | 1953  | 1952  | Volume | Change<br>% |
|----------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------------|
| <u>Demand</u>        |       |       |        |             |
| Local Demand         | 4,726 | 4,385 | 341    | 7.8         |
| Exports to US        | 1,050 | 952   | 98     | 10.3        |
| Total Demand         | 5,776 | 5,337 | 439    | 8.2         |
| <u>Supply</u>        |       |       |        |             |
| Crude Oil Production |       |       |        |             |
| Venezuela            | 1,766 | 1,905 | - 39   | - 2.2       |
| Iran                 | 28    | 28    | -      | -           |
| Iraq                 | 576   | 385   | 191    | 49.6        |
| Saudi Arabia         | 845   | 825   | 20     | 2.4         |
| Kuwait               | 861   | 747   | 114    | 15.3        |
| Bel. Middle East     | 115   | 99    | 16     | 16.2        |
| Total Middle East    | 2,425 | 2,084 | 341    | 16.4        |

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| Thousands of B/D            | 1953  | 1952  | Change |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
|                             |       |       | Volume | %     |
| Other Foreign               | 1,175 | 1,072 | +103   | + 9.6 |
| Total Crude Production      | 5,366 | 4,951 | +415   | + 8.2 |
| Nat Gaso, Synthetics, etc.  | 62    | 59    | + 3    | + 5.1 |
| Total Local Supply          | 5,428 | 5,020 | +408   | + 8.1 |
| Imports from US             | 401   | 432   | - 31   | - 7.2 |
| Imports from Communist area | 34    | 18    | + 16   | +88.9 |
| Total Supply                | 5,863 | 5,470 | +393   | + 7.2 |
| Change in Stocks            | + 87  | + 133 | - 46   |       |
| <b>Crude Runs to Stills</b> |       |       |        |       |
| Canada                      | 424   | 380   | + 44   | +11.6 |
| Caribbean                   | 1,256 | 1,292 | - 36   | - 2.8 |
| Western Europe              | 1,649 | 1,449 | +200   | +13.8 |
| Middle East                 | 501   | 455   | + 46   | +10.1 |
| Other Foreign               | 875   | 796   | + 79   | + 9.9 |
| Total Crude Run             | 4,705 | 4,372 | +333   | + 7.6 |

4. "Detailed local demand figures are presently available for 66 foreign countries for 1953. They consumed an aggregate total of 3,836,000 b/d or 350,000 b/d - 10% - more than in 1952.

| <b>Details of Local Demand</b> |         |         |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Canada                         | 510.9   | 466.2   | + 44.7  | + 9.6 |
| Argentina                      | 181.9   | 179.6   | + 2.3   | + 1.3 |
| Brazil                         | 145.9   | 128.0   | + 17.9  | +14.0 |
| Chile                          | 25.7    | 26.5    | - 0.8   | - 3.0 |
| Colombia                       | 34.6    | 29.5    | + 5.1   | +17.3 |
| Cuba                           | 50.0    | 48.0    | + 2.0   | + 4.2 |
| Neth W Indies                  | 100.4   | 111.0   | - 10.6  | - 9.5 |
| Panama Canal Zone              | 13.5    | 13.1    | + 0.4   | + 3.1 |
| Peru                           | 33.0    | 30.1    | + 2.9   | + 9.6 |
| Puerto Rico                    | 20.2    | 18.1    | + 2.1   | +11.6 |
| Uruguay                        | 25.2    | 22.7    | + 2.5   | +11.0 |
| Venezuela                      | 99.0    | 96.1    | + 2.9   | + 3.0 |
| 17 Other LA Countries          | 42.7    | 38.4    | + 4.3   | +11.2 |
| Total 29 WR Countries          | 1,283.0 | 1,207.3 | + 75.7  | + 6.3 |
| Belgium                        | 74.9    | 69.2    | + 5.7   | + 8.2 |
| Denmark                        | 44.2    | 40.2    | + 4.0   | +10.0 |
| France                         | 330.2   | 294.7   | + 35.5  | +12.0 |
| Germany, W                     | 157.2   | 132.9   | + 24.3  | +18.3 |
| Italy                          | 173.3   | 145.4   | + 27.9  | +19.2 |
| Netherlands                    | 104.9   | 99.3    | + 5.6   | + 5.6 |
| Norway                         | 40.9    | 38.9    | + 2.0   | + 5.1 |
| Sweden                         | 114.5   | 101.4   | + 13.1  | +12.9 |
| United Kingdom                 | 483.8   | 446.3   | + 37.5  | + 8.4 |
| 3 Other European Countries     | 62.8    | 56.7    | + 6.1   | +10.8 |
| Total 12 European Countries    | 1,586.7 | 1,425.0 | + 161.7 | +11.3 |
| Algeria                        | 28.8    | 27.8    | + 1.0   | + 3.6 |
| Egypt                          | 91.1    | 87.7    | + 3.4   | + 3.9 |
| 3 Other N African Countries    | 32.5    | 23.1    | + 9.4   | +40.7 |
| Total 5 N African Countries    | 152.4   | 138.6   | + 13.8  | +10.0 |
| Saudi Arabia                   | 40.4    | 40.0    | + 0.4   | + 1.0 |
| 19 Stan-Vac Countries          | 773.4   | 675.0   | + 98.4  | +14.6 |
| Total 37 E H Countries         | 2,552.9 | 2,278.6 | + 274.3 | +12.0 |
| Total 66 Foreign Countries     | 3,835.9 | 3,485.9 | + 350.0 | +10.0 |
| Indicated Foreign Balance      | 890.1   | 899.1   | - 9.0   | - 1.0 |
| Total Local Demand             | 4,726.0 | 4,385.0 | + 341.0 | + 7.8 |

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